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SUBJECT: CU:REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE SERVICES ARCHITECT JORGE
MALDONADO FIALLO, CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION, MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE

1. MALDONADO, WE LEARNED TODAY, DEPARTS QUITO THE END OF MARCH FOR BOGOTA, CARACAS, SAN JOSE, MEXICO AND WASHINGTON ON AN OBSERVATION TRIP SPONSORED BY THE GOE AND UNDP TO VIEW THE LATESTS DEVELOPMENTS IN INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS. THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, A KEY ENTITY IN THIS PRIMARILY AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY, IS PLANNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUMBER OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO SERVICE THE NATION'S FARMERS. A NEW MINISTRY BUILDING IN GUAYAQUIL WAS STARTED LAST MONTH.

2. MALDONADO WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. BETWEEN APRIL 10 AND 15 AND WOULD LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND NO MORE THAN 3 OR 4 DAYS LOOKING AT INTERCOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INTERNAL POSTAL SYSTEMS, OFFICE LAYOUTS AND BUILDING DESIGN, ORGANIZATION AND DESIGNS FOR INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS SYSTEMS FOR HANDLING PUBLIC VISITORS. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SYSTEMS AND DESIGNS WHICH HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT WORKED.

3. MALDONADO IS PREPARED TO COVER ALL OF HIS TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES PERSONALLY. GIVEN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE HE WOULD PREFER TO CONFINE HIS STAY TO EAST COAST CITIES, BUT IF SOME-

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THING OF GREAT INTEREST WHICH HE SHOULD SEE IS LOCATED BETWEEN

THE EAST COAST AND CHICAGO, HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MAKE SUCH A JOURNEY.

4. MALDONADO'S POSITION AND THE AMBITIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM OF THE MINISTRY MAKE HIS VISIT ONE OF DEFINITE COMMERCIAL INTEREST FOR U.S. MANUFACTURERS. SEEING SYSTEMS AND ITEMS OF REAL INTEREST TO HIM WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN EXPORT BUSINESS.

5. MALDONADO ALSO HAS A PRIVATE INTEREST IN CARPET FACTORIES AND MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRIC SWITCHES, CIRCUIT BREAKERS, ELECTRIC WALL BOXES, ETC. HE WOULD APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SOME FIRMS OF THIS KIND WITH A VIEW TO ACQUIRING SOME MACHINERY.

6. MR. MALDONADO SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH, BUT WILL NEED AN INTERPRETER. HE HAS HIS VISA.

7. COMMERCE REQUESTED TO COORDINATE WITH STATE TO ARRANGE THREE TO FOUR APPOINTMENTS FOR MALDONADO WITH LOCAL CONSTRUCTION FIRMS AND SUPPLIERS OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR BUILDINGS AND WITH CARPET MANUFACTURERS OR OTHER INDUSTRIES OF INTEREST TO HIM.

9. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A RAPID RESPONSE TO THIS TELEGRAM SO THAT IT MAY INFORM THE VISITOR OF THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED ON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.
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